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12 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
13 SAN JOSE DIVISION

14 **DENNIS RAY BARNETT,**

Petitioner,

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16 v.

17 **MIKE KNOWLES, Warden,**

18 Respondent.  
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C 08-1604 RMW (PR)

**MOTION TO DISMISS  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS AS  
UNTIMELY**

20 **INTRODUCTION**  
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22 California state prisoner Dennis Ray Barnett ("petitioner") has filed a petition for writ of  
23 habeas corpus in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 & 2254(d). Respondent hereby moves  
24 this Court for an order dismissing the petition on the ground that it is untimely. *See* 28 U.S.C. §  
25 2444(d)(1). Respondent has not noticed this motion for hearing as petitioner is in custody and not  
26 represented by counsel.

27 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

28 On June 5, 2000, following a bench trial in San Francisco County Superior Court,  
Motion to Dismiss Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus as Untimely

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petitioner was convicted of second degree robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, with an enhancement on both counts for weapon use, and seven “strike” prior convictions, four prior serious felony convictions, and three prior prison terms. Exh. A at 1; *see* Cal. Penal Code §§ 211, 212.5(c), 245(a)(1), 667(a), 667.5(b), 1170.12, 12022(b)(1). After striking the weapon-use enhancements and one of the prior prison term allegations, the court sentenced petitioner to forty-five years to life in prison. Exh. A at 1-2.

On December 6, 2002, the California Court of Appeal affirmed petitioner’s judgment in an unpublished decision. Exh. A. The California Supreme Court denied review on February 11, 2003. Exh. B.

On March 14, 2006, petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in Santa Clara County Superior Court. Exh. C That court denied the petition on April 11, 2006.<sup>1/</sup>

On June 27, 2006, petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the California Court of Appeal. Exh. D. That court denied the petition on July 18, 2006. Exh. D.

On September 25, 2006, petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the California Supreme Court. Exh. E. That court denied the petition as untimely on April 11, 2007. Exh. E.

On or after March 2, 2008 (signature date), petitioner constructively filed the instant petition for writ of habeas corpus by delivering it to prison authorities for mailing to this Court; the petition was filed in fact on March 24, 2008.

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1. In its denial, the court notes that petitioner had “filed *another* petition for a writ of habeas corpus.” Exh. C, Order at 1 (emphasis added). In fact, between 2000 and 2002—before the finality of his conviction—petitioner filed at least *nine* habeas petitions and other pro se motions in Santa Clara County Superior Court. Because those petitions and motions were filed before the limitations period commenced, we do not chronicle or document them here. Also, because they were consecutive filings in the same court, petitioner is not entitled to “gap” or continuous tolling between them and his 2006 filing in that same court, *see* Exh. C. *See Carey v. Saffold*, 536 U.S. 214, 223 (2002); *Delhomme v. Ramirez*, 340 F.3d 817, 820 (9th Cir. 2003); *Dils v. Small*, 260 F.3d 984, 986 (9th Cir. 2001); *Rowe v. LeMaster*, 225 F.3d 1173, 1174-75 (10th Cir. 2000).

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**ARGUMENT**

The petition was filed beyond the one-year statute of limitations. It must be dismissed.

Petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition is governed by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, which imposes a one-year statute of limitations on the filing of federal habeas petitions. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1). Here, the limitations period commenced against petitioner on May 12, 2003, ninety days after the California Supreme Court denied direct review, when the time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari expired. *See Bowen v. Roe*, 188 F.3d 1157, 1158-59 (9th Cir. 1999); Exh. B. The limitations period expired a year later, on May 12, 2004, almost two years before petitioner initiated any action to challenge his conviction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).

Although petitioner eventually challenged his conviction by filing a series of state habeas petitions commencing in 2006, such filings did not toll the statute of limitations period, 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2), as it had already expired. *See Ferguson v. Palmateer*, 321 F.3d 820, 823 (9th Cir. 2003). Petitioner's California Supreme Court petition could not have tolled the statute of limitations for the additional reason that it was denied as untimely and therefore not "properly filed" for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2). *See Pace v. DiGuglielmo*, 544 U.S. 408 (2005); *Thorson v. Palmer*, 479 F.3d 643, 644-45 (9th Cir. 2007); *Bonner v. Carey*, 425 F.3d 1145, 1148-49 (9th Cir. 2005), *amended* 439 F.3d 993 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 127 S. Ct. 132 (2006); Exh. E (citing *In re Robbins*, 18 Cal. 4th 770, 780 (1998)).

Thus, petitioner filed the instant petition 1,037 days after the finality of his state court judgment, or 671 days after the statute of limitations period expired. The petition accordingly must be dismissed with prejudice as untimely. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).

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1 **CONCLUSION**

2 Accordingly, for the reasons stated, respondent respectfully requests that the petition for  
3 writ of habeas corpus be dismissed with prejudice as untimely.

4 Dated: September 4, 2008

5 Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

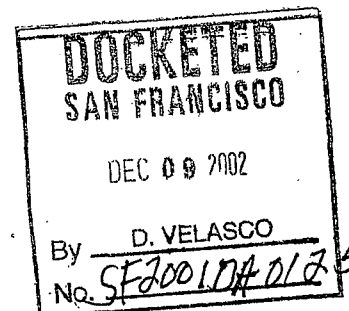
v.

DENNIS RAY BARNETT,

Defendant and Appellant.

H022333

(Santa Clara County  
Super. Ct. No. 199321)



After a court trial, appellant Dennis Ray Barnett was found guilty of second degree robbery (Pen. Code, §§ 211, 212.5, subd. (c)), and assault with a deadly weapon (Pen. Code, § 245, subd. (a)(10)). The court found true the allegations that appellant had personally used a deadly or dangerous weapon in the commission of the robbery (Pen Code, §§ 1203, subd. (e)(2), 12022, subd. (b)(1)), and the assault (Pen. Code, §§ 1203, subd. (e)(2), 1192.7, subd. (c)). Also, the court found true the allegations that appellant had seven qualifying prior convictions or "strikes" within the meaning of the "Three Strikes" law (Pen. Code, §§ 667, subds. (b)-(i), 1170.12); four prior serious felony convictions (Pen. Code, § 667, subd. (a)); and had served three prior prison terms (Pen Code, § 667.5 subd. (b)).

The court struck the weapon-use finding and one of the prior prison term allegations in the furtherance of justice (Pen. Code, § 1385, subd. (a)); stayed execution of sentence on the two remaining prison term allegations (Pen. Code, § 654); and sentenced appellant to 25 years to life for the robbery conviction and 25 years to life for

the assault with a deadly weapon conviction to be served concurrently; plus four consecutive terms of five years for the prior felony conviction enhancements, for a total term of 45 years to life.

The incident giving rise to the charges of robbery and assault occurred in 1997. After his arrest, appellant spent over a year in custody awaiting trial until October 1998. At that time, the court ordered that criminal proceedings be suspended pending a determination of appellant's mental competence. (Pen. Code, § 1368.) On March 7, 2000, after appellant had been committed to Atascadero State Hospital and then transferred to Patton State Hospital, the Medical Director of Patton State Hospital, having determined that appellant had regained competence, filed a certificate of restoration to competence. On March 22, 2000, the parties waived jury trial on competence and submitted the issue for decision by the court based on the treatment team's report. The court found that appellant was competent to stand trial and reinstated criminal proceedings.

The parties waived a jury trial and a court trial began on May 30, 2000. During trial appellant testified in his own defense. Shortly after direct examination began, the court interrupted appellant and stated that even though appellant was represented by counsel, the court wanted to advise appellant that he had the right to remain silent and to not subject himself to cross-examination by the prosecution. Appellant stated that he understood this right, that he had had an opportunity to discuss the matter with his counsel and that nevertheless he wished to testify.

Appellant proceeded to incriminate himself by testifying that he participated in a transaction involving the sale of illegal drugs to the victim of the assault several hours prior to the robbery and assault. The court interrupted appellant, and after defense counsel conferred with his client, and a bench conference, the court struck appellant's incriminatory testimony. No other witnesses were called by the defense.

On appeal, appellant contends that the trial court erred in not holding a new competency hearing because appellant's irrational testimony at trial presented substantial new evidence of incompetence compelling further proceedings under Penal Code section 1368. We do not agree. However, for reasons stated below we modify the judgment to stay execution of the sentence for the assault with a deadly weapon conviction pursuant to Penal Code section 654.

### *Discussion*

#### *I. Failure to Hold a Competency Hearing*

Fundamental to our criminal justice system is the principle that no one can be tried or adjudged to punishment while mentally incompetent. (Pen. Code, § 1367, subd. (a); *People v. Samuel* (1981) 29 Cal.3d 489, 494; *Drope v. Missouri* (1975) 420 U.S. 162, 171-172.) In this state, the term "mentally incompetent" means that "as a result of mental disorder or developmental disability, the defendant is unable to understand the nature of the criminal proceedings or to assist counsel in the conduct of a defense in a rational manner." (Pen. Code, § 1367, subd. (a).)

If "a doubt arises in the mind of the judge as to the mental competence of the defendant" at any time prior to judgment, the court is required to conduct a hearing pursuant to Penal Code section 1368 to determine the defendant's competence. (Pen. Code, § 1368; *People v. Rodriguez* (1994) 8 Cal.4th 1060, 1110.) "As a matter of due process, the trial court is required to conduct a [Penal Code] section 1368 hearing to determine a defendant's competency whenever substantial evidence of incompetence has been introduced. [Citations.] Substantial evidence is evidence that raises a reasonable doubt about the defendant's competence to stand trial. [Citations.] " (*People v. Frye* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 894, 951-952.) "Under the applicable substantial evidence test, 'more is required than mere bizarre actions [citation] or bizarre statements [citation] or statements of defense counsel that defendant is incapable of cooperating in his defense [citation] or psychiatric testimony that defendant is immature, dangerous, psychopathic,



or homicidal or such diagnosis with little reference to defendant's ability to assist in his own defense. [Citation.]" (*People v. Davis* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 463, 527.) "[E]vidence of a defendant's irrational behavior, his demeanor at trial, and any prior medical opinion on competence to stand trial are all relevant in determining whether further inquiry is required [and] . . . even one of these factors standing alone may, in some circumstances, be sufficient. There are, of course, no fixed or immutable signs which invariably indicate the need for further inquiry to determine fitness to proceed; the question is often a difficult one in which a wide range of manifestations and subtle nuances are implicated." (*Drope v. Missouri*, *supra*, 420 U.S. 162, 180.)

"When, as here, a competency hearing has already been held and the defendant was found to be competent to stand trial, a trial court is not required to conduct a second competency hearing unless 'it "is presented with a substantial change of circumstances or with new evidence" ' that gives rise to a 'serious doubt' about the validity of the competency finding. [Citation.]" (*People v. Marshall* (1997) 15 Cal.4th 1, 33.)

We review the background of this issue with these principles in mind.

On June 19, 1997, Richard Goff, a Kmart security guard, detained appellant, after Mr. Goff had observed him leave the store without paying for a pair of shoes. As Mr. Goff tapped appellant on the shoulder outside the store, he identified himself as a store security guard. Subsequently, appellant started "backpedaling quickly" and Mr. Goff "moved in" to restrain him. Appellant started throwing punches. Mr. Goff wrestled appellant to the ground, placed him in a headlock and instructed him to put his hands behind his back. During the struggle Mr. Goff was cut on his face and sustained injuries to the left side of his chest. A small red key-chain with a small folding knife was found on the ground where the struggle occurred.

Mr. Goff escorted appellant back inside to the store security office. Appellant repeatedly stated that Goff had not identified himself as a store security guard, but

pleaded with him to release him, stating that he had just been released from jail, that this would be his third strike and that he would be going back to jail for a long time.

A search of appellant's backpack revealed several tools, two pairs of sunglasses, a pair of scissors, and some batteries that appeared to have been stolen from Kmart, and other items that appeared to have been stolen from other stores.

On September 26, 1997, an information was filed charging appellant with second degree robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Prior to trial, proceedings were conducted to determine appellant's mental competence to stand trial pursuant to Penal Code section 1368, et seq. Five months later, a six-day jury trial to determine appellant's competence to stand trial resulted in a hung jury and the court declared a mistrial. Thereafter, the court found appellant incompetent to stand trial after the parties submitted the matter to the court on the basis of a third doctor's report. On May 19, 1999, the court ordered appellant to attend the Trial Competency Program while housed at Atascadero State Hospital.

Appellant was returned to court 10 months later. At a restoration hearing held on March 22, 2000, the court found him restored to competency based on the report of the Medical Director of Patton State Hospital where appellant had been transferred on July 20, 1999. The report indicated that appellant's psychiatric diagnosis was "Schizoaffective Disorder, Depressed Type." Further, it stated that the medical staff had met appellant on February 18, 2000, for an "expedited review" after appellant's request for an evaluation. The medical staff noted that appellant remembered court-related material that he had forgotten at his last staff meeting less than a month earlier on January 21, 2000. The court reinstated criminal proceedings. After appellant waived a jury trial, a court trial commenced on May 30, 2000.

Appellant testified in his own defense. He stated that about 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 1997, he had gone to Kmart specifically to see Mr. Goff. Earlier the same day, at about 1:00 p.m. he had seen Mr. Goff at an apartment complex where appellant's brother used

to live. Appellant did not recognize Mr. Goff immediately and he did not think that Mr. Goff recognized him. Appellant claimed that he originally met Mr. Goff in 1994 because "[h]e used to hang around with [his] brother."

Mr. Goff approached appellant and asked if he knew who Mike Barnett was. Appellant told him that Mike Barnett was his brother but he no longer lived at the apartment complex. Appellant stated that Mr. Goff said he wanted to buy some cocaine from Mike Barnett. Appellant told him that he would be willing to sell him some cocaine instead. Appellant then sold Mr. Goff \$10 worth of cocaine.

At this point, the court interrupted appellant, stating: "All right. Sir, let me just indicate this to you. First of all, I'm going to strike that answer. You have a right not to testify, as I indicated before. You also have a right not to offer testimony that may tend to incriminate you. By saying that you participated in a transaction involving the sale of illegal drugs, you may be incriminating yourself and making yourself subject to prosecution for additional charges you're not now facing. So you do have a right to not offer that testimony. I'm striking it at this point so that it's not a part of the record."

Defense counsel asked to approach the bench. After an unreported discussion between appellant and defense counsel, and an unreported bench conference, defense counsel stated that appellant did not wish to testify further, and asked the court to strike all of appellant's testimony thus far. The court proceeded so to do and the defense rested without calling other witnesses.

Appellant asserts that the trial court was presented with substantial evidence that should have triggered further inquiry into appellant's mental competence, both during the trial and in the pro per pleadings filed prior to the imposition of sentence. Appellant argues that the testimony that he sold cocaine to Mr. Goff "can only be characterized as bizarre, and should have raised a doubt in the trial court's mind" concerning appellant's competence to stand trial. We note that after trial, but before sentencing, appellant filed a pro per pleading requesting that the court sentence him to death by legal injection

because he was facing a sentence of 45 years to life. Later he submitted copies of letters he had addressed to United States Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist and then-California Supreme Court Associate Justice Stanley Mosk (whom he mistakenly referred to as the Chief Justice). In these letters he asserted his innocence. He filed several more pro per pleadings requesting a change of venue, requesting that two of his prior convictions be expunged and that the court strike his prior convictions on various grounds.

A probation officer interviewed appellant on August 2, 2000. He denied that he intended to steal any merchandise from Kmart, claiming that he had forgotten to take off the shoes after he had tried them on. Also, he denied that he had intentionally assaulted the store security guard. Instead he claimed that he had been grabbed and pulled from behind and that he had just turned around and started swinging. Appellant stated that he did not know that the man who grabbed him was a security guard because the man had not identified himself as such. He thought that the injuries Mr. Goff sustained were caused accidentally by the key-chain appellant was holding in his hand. Appellant indicated that he was taking psychotropic medication and had benefited from his time at Atascadero. He stated that he knew that he was going to prison for a long time.

"[A] reviewing court generally gives great deference to a trial court's decision whether to hold a competency hearing. As we have said: ' "An appellate court is in no position to appraise a defendant's conduct in the trial court as indicating insanity, a calculated attempt to feign insanity and delay the proceedings, or sheer temper." ' [Citations.]" (*People v. Marshall, supra*, 15 Cal.4th 1, 33.)

However, we exercise independent review on this issue and must determine whether, as a matter of law, the evidence before the court below "raised a substantial doubt as to defendant's mental competence." (*People v. Rodriguez, supra*, 8 Cal.4th at p.1112; *Drope v. Missouri, supra*, 420 U.S. 162, 174-175.) We find no evidence in the record before us that raises a substantial doubt as to defendant's ability to understand the

trial court proceedings or assist his counsel. While appellant's trial testimony may not have been credible it was not so inherently improbable as to call into question his competence to stand trial. Bizarre statements by the appellant are not enough; more is required to raise a doubt as to his competence to stand trial. (*People v. Marshall, supra*, 15 Cal.4th 1, 33.) Moreover, since appellant subsequently changed his mind about offering this testimony after consultation with defense counsel and the admonishment of the court, it is clear that he understood the ramifications of his conduct and rationally assisted counsel in the conduct of his defense.

As for appellant's oral statements, letters and pleadings between trial and sentencing while bizarre and in many ways naïve, they did demonstrate appellant's understanding of the nature of the criminal proceedings.

We conclude, therefore, that the lower court did not err in failing to order a competency hearing.

Because the record does not demonstrate a substantial doubt as to appellant's mental competence, we reject appellant's related claim that his counsel was ineffective in failing to raise a doubt as to his client's competence to stand trial.

## *II. Penal Code Section 654<sup>1</sup>*

Appellant contends that the trial court erred in failing to stay execution of sentence for the assault conviction pursuant to section 654. The Attorney General concedes the issue and we agree.

The trial court sentenced appellant to 25 years to life on the robbery conviction and then imposed a concurrent term of 25 years to life on the assault with a deadly weapon conviction. By its terms section 654<sup>2</sup> expressly prohibits multiple punishment

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<sup>1</sup> All further statutory references are to the Penal Code unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> At the time of the offenses section 654 stated in pertinent part: "An act or omission which is made punishable in different ways by different provisions of this code may be punished under either of such provisions, but in no case can it be punished under

for a single criminal act. Section 654 also prohibits multiple punishments where the defendant commits more than one act in violation of different statutes when the acts comprise an indivisible course of conduct having a single intent and objective. "If all of the offenses were incident to one objective, the defendant may be punished for any one of such offenses but not for more than one." (*Neal v. State of California* (1960) 55 Cal.2d 11, 19.) Where, as here, the assault conviction was based solely on the same conduct as that which elevated the petty theft to a robbery, a concurrent sentence is barred by section 654. (*People v. Brown* (1989) 212 Cal.App.3d 1409, 1426-1427, [section 654 barred separate sentences for robbery and assault, overruled on another point in *People v. Hayes* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 577, 628, fn. 10]; *People v. Medina* (1972) 26 Cal.App.3d 809, 823-824 [same]; *People v. Flowers* (1982) 132 Cal.App.3d 584, 588 [same].)<sup>3</sup>

Where a defendant has been found guilty of two offenses, "punishment for one of which is precluded by section 654, that section requires the sentence for one conviction to be imposed, and the other imposed and then stayed. [Citation]." (*People v. Deloza* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 585, 592.)

The Attorney General concedes the merit of appellant's contention and agrees that the appropriate remedy is to stay the concurrent term imposed for the assault with a deadly weapon conviction. We agree and will so order.

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more than one . . . ." (Stats. 1977, ch.165, § 11.) Effective January 1, 1998, section 654 was amended to read: "An act or omission that is punishable in different ways by different provisions of law shall be punished under the provision that provides for the longest potential term of imprisonment, but in no case shall the act or omission be punished under more than one provision." (As amended by Stats. 1997, ch. 410, § 1.)

<sup>3</sup> Even though defendant did not object to the sentence below on section 654 grounds the issue is not waived for appeal. (*People v. Mustafaa* (1994) 22 Cal.App.4th 1305, 1311.)

*Disposition*

The judgment is modified to reflect that the concurrent sentence for assault with a deadly weapon conviction is stayed pursuant to Penal Code section 654. As modified the judgment is affirmed.

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Elia, J.

WE CONCUR:

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Premo, Acting P. J.

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Rushing, J.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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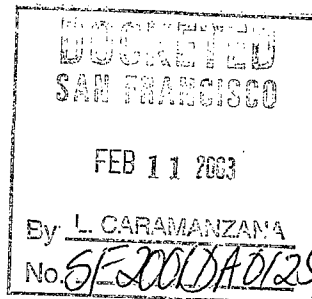
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## **EXHIBIT C**



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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SANTA CLARA COUNTY**  
 (Court)

<u>DENNIS RAY BARNETT</u> Petitioner vs. <u>MARTIN VEAL, WARDEN</u> Respondent
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**PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

No.

199321

(To be supplied by the Clerk of the Court)

**INSTRUCTIONS — READ CAREFULLY**

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- If you are challenging the conditions of your confinement and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county in which you are confined.
- Read the entire form *before* answering any questions.
- This petition must be clearly handwritten in ink or typed. You should exercise care to make sure all answers are true and correct. Because the petition includes a verification, the making of a statement that you know is false may result in a conviction for perjury.
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- Notify the Clerk of the Court in writing if you change your address after filing your petition.
- In most cases, the law requires service of a copy of the petition on the district attorney, city attorney, or city prosecutor. See Penal Code section 1475 and Government Code section 72193. You may serve the copy by mail.

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Chief Executive Officer/Clerk  
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara  
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In re

DENNIS BARNETT,

No. 199321

**ORDER**

DENNIS BARNETT (hereinafter Petitioner) has filed another petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner contends in the present petition that he was denied effective assistance of trial counsel. Petitioner appears to allege his trial attorney was ineffective assistance based on several grounds: (1) failure to object to prejudicial evidence, (2) failure to obtain medical records, (3) failure to have petitioner examined by a psychiatrist, (4) failure to call witnesses, (5) failure to present evidence of defendant's mental state at the guilt phase, (6) failure to investigate the victim's background, (7) failure to strike hearsay testimony, (8) failure to raise petitioner's competency to stand trial, (9) failure to advise petitioner of the right to a separate jury trial on his priors, and (10) failure to turn over files and copies of pleas.

Petitioner's showing and allegations are insufficient to justify relief. For an issue to be

properly presented in the above petition there is the requirement that a full prima facie case for relief exist. For example, "A habeas corpus petition must be verified, and must state a 'prima facie case' for relief. That is, it must set forth specific facts which, if true, would require issuance of the writ. Any petition that does not meet these standards must be summarily denied ... ." (People v. Gonzalez (1990) 51 Cal.3d 1179, 1258.) In explaining just what is necessary for a prima facie case the California Supreme Court later stated:

The petition should both (i) state fully and with particularity the facts on which relief is sought (People v. Karis (1988) 46 Cal.3d 612, 656; In re Swain (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304,) as well as (ii) include copies of reasonably available documentary evidence supporting the claim, including pertinent portions of trial transcripts and affidavits or declarations. (Harris, supra, 5 Cal.4th at p. 827, fn. 5; Clark, supra, 5 Cal.4th at p. 791, fn. 16.) "Conclusory allegations made without any explanation of the basis for the allegations do not warrant relief, let alone an evidentiary hearing." (Karis, supra, at p. 656.) We presume the regularity of proceedings that resulted in a final judgment (In re Bell (1942) 19 Cal.2d 488, 500), and, as stated above, the burden is on the petitioner to establish grounds for his [relief]. (People v. Gonzalez (1990) 51 Cal.3d 1179, 1260; In re Williams (1920) 183 Cal. 11, 14; In re McVickers (1946) 29 Cal.2d 264, 285 (conc. & dis. opn. of Spence, J.); In re Oxman (1950) 100 Cal.App.2d 148, 151.) (People v. Duvall (1995) 9 Cal.4th 464, 474.)

Quite simply put, a court is not required to, and this Court does not, accept as true every self-serving assertion made by a petitioner that is not corroborated.

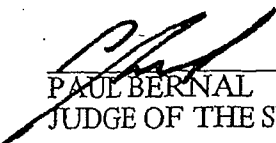
Our high court has stated "a defendant's self-serving statement after [ ] conviction, and sentence [ ], is insufficient in and of itself to sustain the defendant's burden of proof as to prejudice, and must be corroborated independently by objective evidence. A contrary holding would lead to an unchecked flow of easily fabricated claims." (In re Alvernaz (1992) 2 Cal.4th 924, 938. See also People v. Barella (1999) 20 Cal.4th 261, 272, in which the court rejects as insufficient "defendant's bare assertion," and Gonzalez, supra, 51 Cal.3d at p. 1260 in which the court holds: "The state may properly require that a defendant obtain some concrete information on his own before he invokes collateral remedies against a final judgment.")

In the present case, petitioner has failed to show that any of his assertions have any merit. Additionally, Petitioner's own attachments show that petitioner's assertions are false. For example, contrary to petitioner's allegations, the letter from his trial counsel indicates that he has given petitioner everything in his case file. Therefore, petitioner has not been denied the ability to properly present his claims with adequate support. The Court of Appeal furthermore already rejected

1 petitioner's claim that his counsel was ineffective for not raising the issue of petitioner's competence  
2 at trial where petitioner demonstrated at trial that he understood the nature of the criminal  
3 proceedings.

4 Accordingly, the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus is DENIED. Petitioner's request for  
5 appointment of counsel is also DENIED.

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7 DATED: 10 Apr, 2006

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10 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



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In re: People vs. Barnett		
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE OF: Order in re: Habeas Corpus</b>		Case Number: 199321

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Date	Description	Notes
06/27/2006	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed.	
07/18/2006	Case fully briefed.	
07/18/2006	Order denying petition filed.	The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied (PBM, NM, RJM)
07/18/2006	Case complete.	
09/19/2006	Record purged - to be shipped to state records center.	
09/25/2006	Received copy of Supreme Court filing.	service copy of applnt pet w/ the supreme court
10/13/2006	Received copy of Supreme Court filing.	service copy of writ of hc on supreme court

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Date	Description	Notes
09/25/2006	Petition for writ of habeas corpus filed	Dennis Ray Barnett, petitioner in pro per
10/03/2006	Received:	Extra copy of writ plus letter dated September 23, 2006 and additional exhibits.
03/26/2007	Received:	Inmate Trust account Statement
04/11/2007	Petition for writ of habeas corpus denied	(See In re Robbins (1998) 18 Cal.4th 770, 780.) George, C. J., was absent and did not participate.

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
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The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See *In re Robbins* (1998)  
18 Cal.4th 770, 780.)

George, C. J., was absent and did not participate.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

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D. Desuyo

Declarant

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/s/

D. Desuyo

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